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DEATH OF CHRISTIAN RODA

A Pioneer is Suddenly Taken By the Grim Reaper

News of the death of Christ Roda, one of our pioneer farmers of Henry township, was received by telephone yesterday. The old gentleman died very suddenly, having been discovered in his barn where he was stricken while attending to his work. He was at Groton the day before, and apparently in his usual health up to the moment of his death.

During the forenoon he had been in house reading war news, and about noon started out to turn out the cattle. Before he reached the place where the cattle were kept, death came—probably from heart disease.

A child staying with the family, discovered him and told Mrs. Roda that he was lying on the ground and wouldn't talk. It is probable that he was dead before being discovered.

He was nearly sixty-five years of age, ranked with the substantial and respected citizens of this locality, and his death is deeply deplored by friends and neighbors. Funeral services will occur at the home at one o'clock Saturday.